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# The Rocky Mountains of Canada

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# THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS OF CANADA

CALLED "The Glittering Mountains" by the Indians, the Canadian Rockies form a vast region of Alpine beauty.

It is a land where Nature has built on a colossal scale . . . where sky-piercing mountains march across the horizon . . . where giant peaks tower in savage strength.

It is a land of precipices, of sun-bright glaciers and tumbling torrents . . . of jewelled lakes cradled in the clouds.

It is a land where mountain caravanserais offer the romance of gracious living at the top of the world.

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PAGE 1 THE THREE SISTERS—The famous “Three Sisters” stand like sentinels at the eastern entrance to the Rockies. Their stark beauty is undimmed by the centuries that have passed since some gigantic cataclysm thrust them nine thousand, seven hundred feet above sea level.

PAGE 2 MOUNT RUNDLE AND VERMILION LAKE—Known to the Indians as “The Lake of Reflections,” Vermilion Lake mirrors Mount Rundle, three miles distant. Banff Springs Hotel and the town of Banff lie between the lake and mountain.

PAGE 3 TOWN OF BANFF—Cradled in the mountains lies the town of Banff, four thousand, six hundred and twenty-five feet above the level of the sea.

PAGE 4 BANFF SPRINGS HOTEL—Called the finest mountain resort in the world, Banff Springs Hotel rises like a castle in the ancient “Valley of the Gods.”

PAGE 5 BOW VALLEY—Fed by the slow melting of glaciers, by a thousand mountain streams, the Bow River winds to meet the Spray. Glaciers of the Ice Age cap the Fairholme Range that curves around Bow Valley.

PAGE 6 CASCADE OF TIME—Lovely as a dream is the Cascade of Time Garden in the town of Banff where mountain flowers riot in colour, and soaring peaks, their heads in the clouds, stand eternal guard.

PAGE 7 MOUNT ASSINIBOINE—South-west from Banff, the stark immensity of Mount Assiniboine rears almost twelve thousand feet to cleave the sky. Called the “Matterhorn of the Rockies” its mysterious beauty lures many mountain climbers to ascend its slopes.

PAGE 8 CASTLE MOUNTAIN—Like an ancient fortress in the wilderness stands Castle Mountain, built by a master architect when the world was young. Turrets and battlements overlook precipitous cliffs that drop four thousand feet to the valley.

PAGE 9 BOW LAKE—Like a highway to heaven the road from Banff circles Bow Lake where innumerable rivulets from Crowfoot Glacier toss themselves into spray down the steep cliffs.

PAGE 10 LAKE LOUISE—Hour by hour from dawn to dusk Nature paints rainbows in exquisite Lake Louise. Lying like a jewel in a wilderness of beauty, the lake is bordered by forest-clad mountains and Victoria Glacier creeps down to the water's edge.

PAGE 11 MOUNT LEFROY AND VICTORIA GLACIER—The summits of Mount Lefroy and Mount Victoria are hooded in everlasting ice, and ancient Victoria Glacier runs a cold finger into the rainbow waters of Lake Louise.

PAGE 12 LAKES IN THE CLOUDS—The Lakes in the Clouds, Lake Agnes high above Lake Louise with Mirror Lake lying between, string an emerald necklace around the mountains.

PAGE 13 CHATEAU LAKE LOUISE—On the roof of the world stands Chateau Lake Louise, five thousand, six hundred and eighty feet above the sea level. Surrounded by primeval forest, by Alpine ranges serrated against the sky, it is as modern as a new song . . . as cosmopolitan as a great city.

PAGE 14 MORaine LAKE AND VALLEY OF THE TEN PEAKS—Nine miles from Lake Louise, Moraine Lake lies in the Valley of the Ten Peaks. Giants in a gigantic world, with summits rising to an elevation of ten thousand or more feet, the Ten Peaks march in a semi-circle around the eastern shores of the lake.

PAGE 15 TAKAKKAW FALLS, YOHO VALLEY—From the melting ice and snows of the vast glacier between Mount Niles and Mount Balfour the foaming torrent of Takkakaw Falls plunges down the precipice. The highest waterfall in Canada, its waters drop sheerly for a thousand feet to toss in rainbow spray over a rocky ledge five hundred more feet to the Yoho River.

PAGE 16 THE GREAT DIVIDE—Six miles west of Lake Louise, “The Great Divide” marks the boundary between Alberta and British Columbia . . . between Rocky Mountains Park and Yoho. It is here that a glacier-fed stream, spanned by a rustic bridge, separates into two small brooks. One brook winds to Hudson Bay and so the Atlantic Ocean. The other flows into the Pacific.

PAGE 17 SPIRAL TUNNELS—At Kicking Horse Pass the famous Spiral Tunnels bore for more than six thousand feet through rock. Entering Cathedral Mountain from the east the railway circles down to daylight and through the second tunnel under Mount Ogden—a descent of one hundred and four feet inside the mountains!

PAGE 18 EMERALD LAKE AND MOUNT PRESIDENT—Like the home of some prehistoric giant rears Mount President and the reflection of its immensity lies in the green depths of mystically beautiful Lake Emerald.



THE THREE SISTERS



MOUNT RUNDLE AND VERMILION LAKE



TOWN OF BANFF





BANFF SPRINGS HOTEL

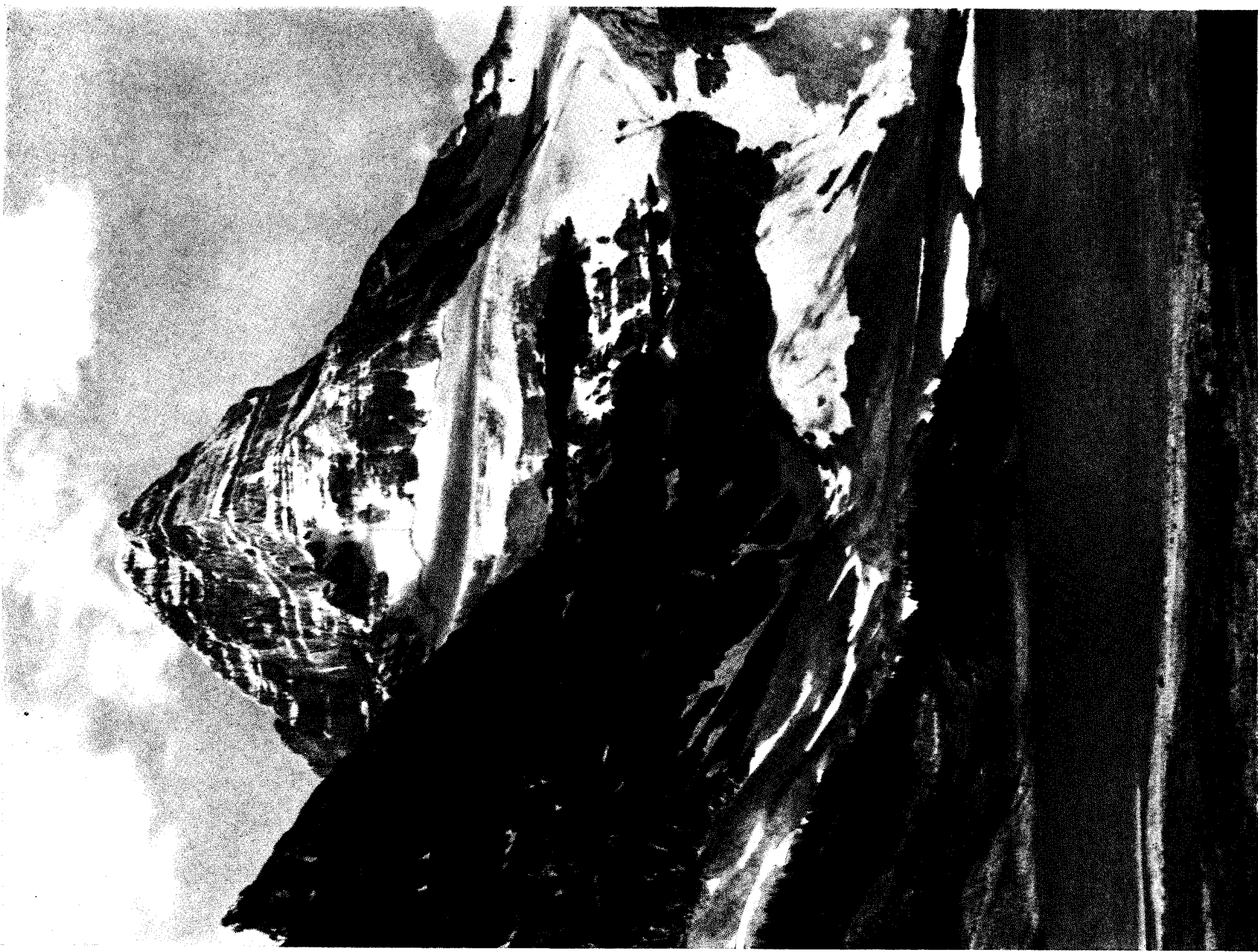


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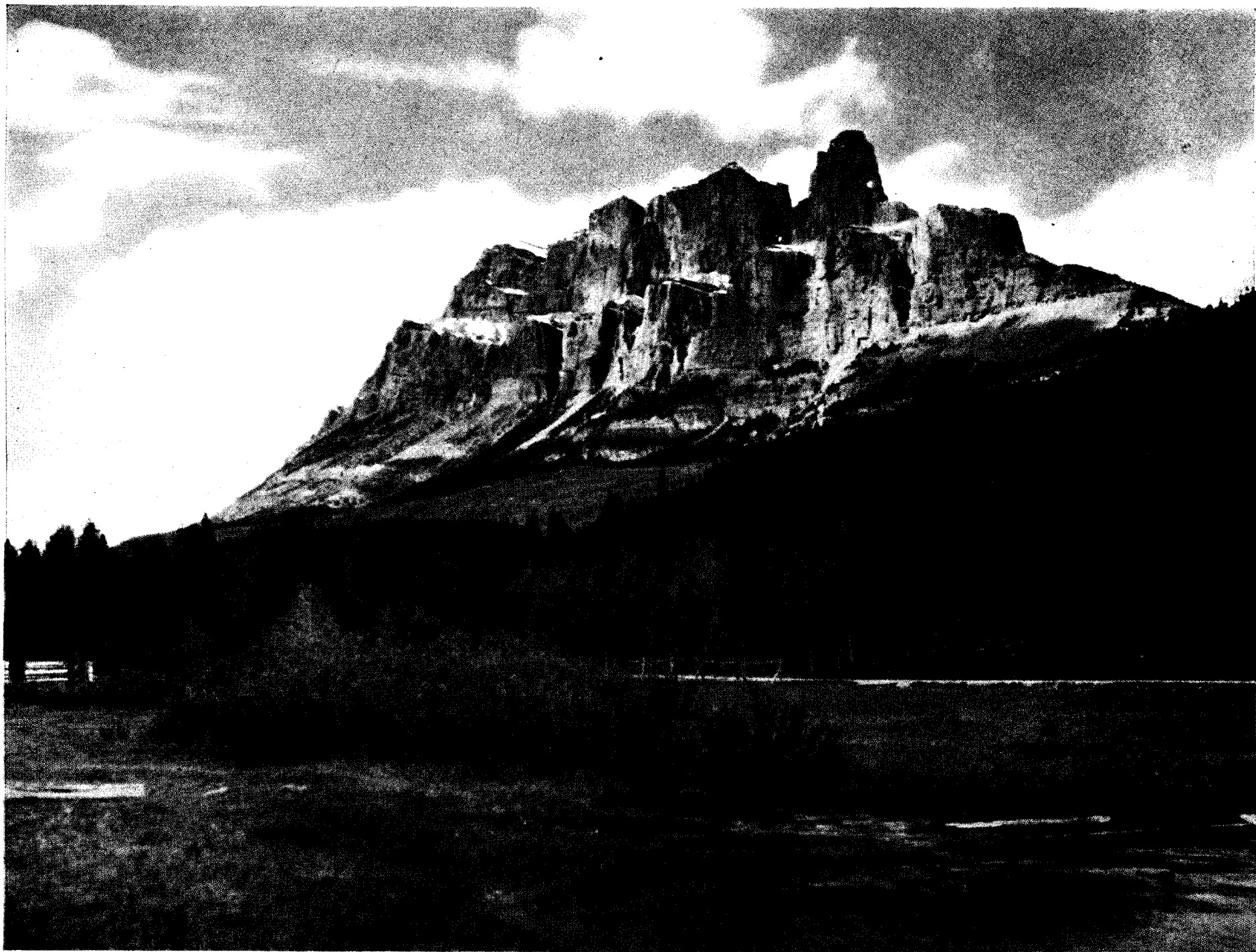
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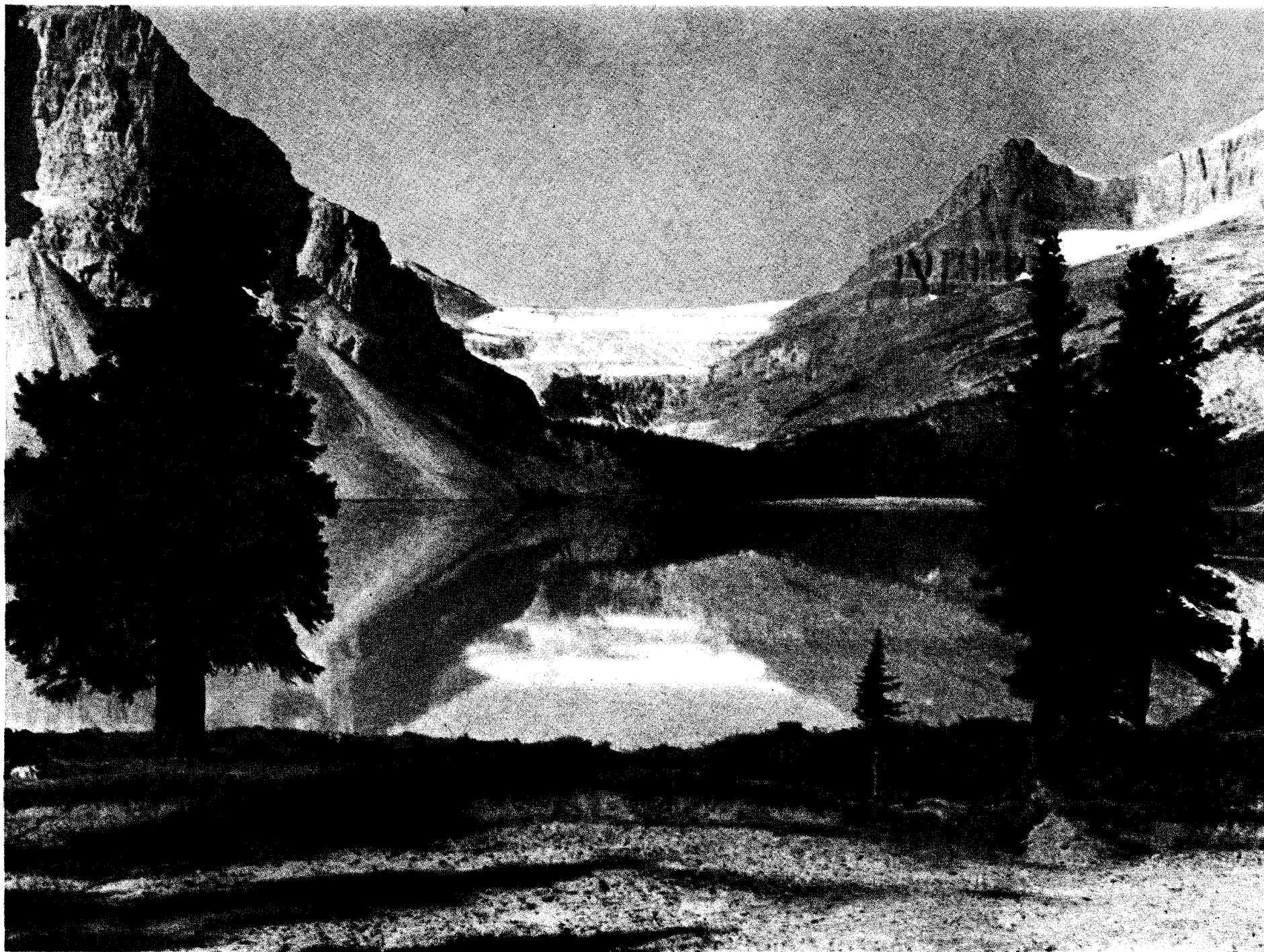


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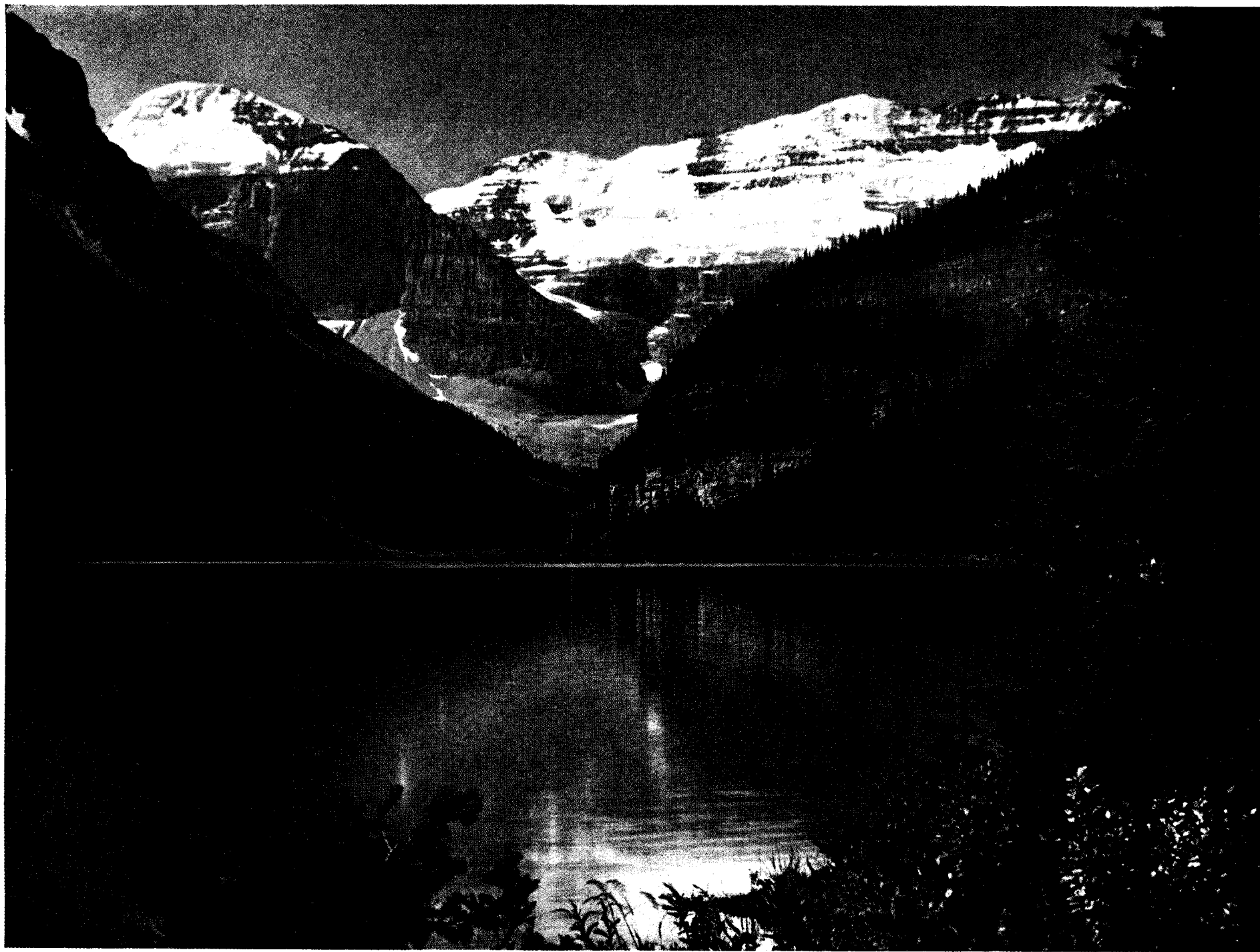
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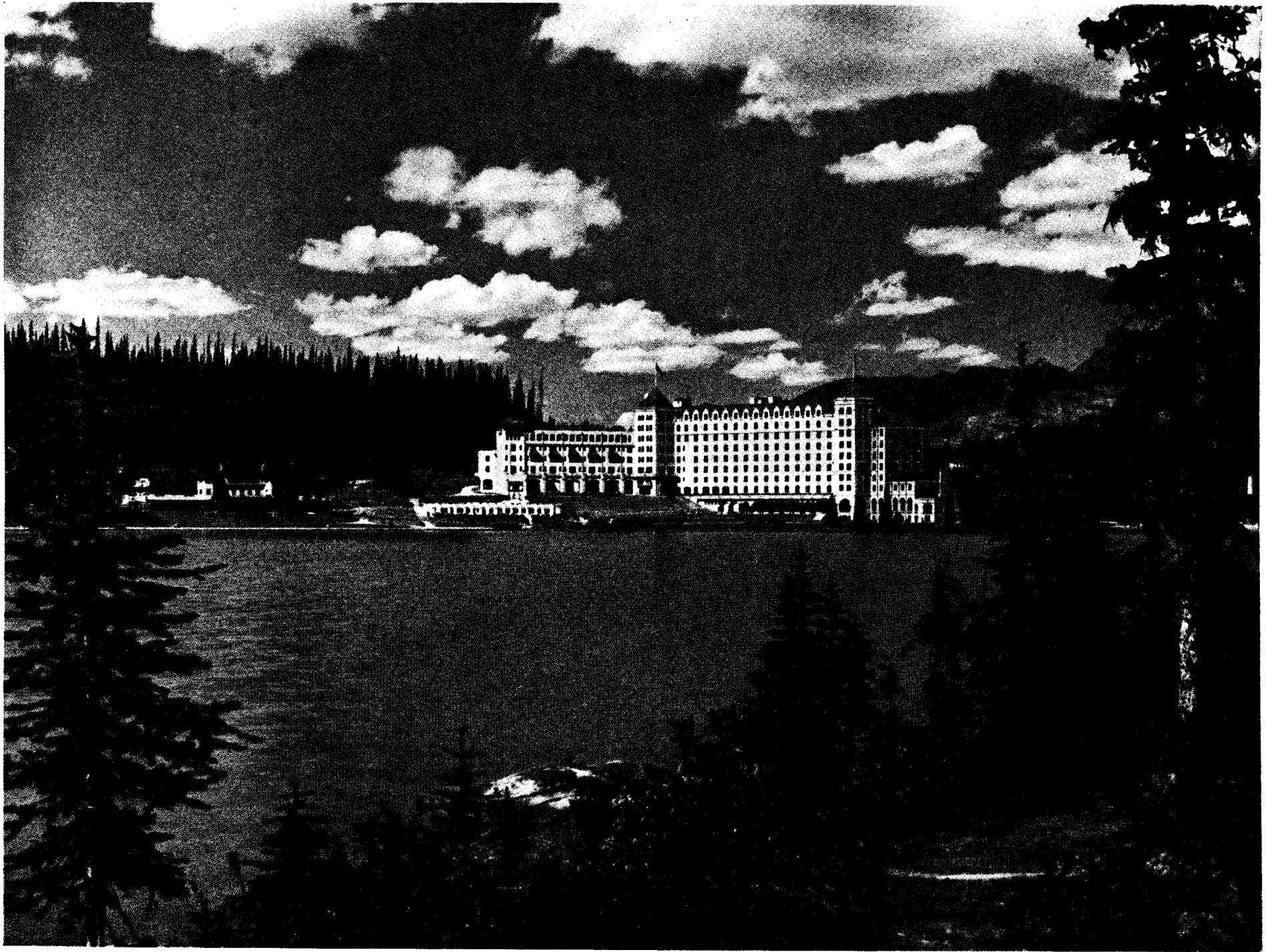


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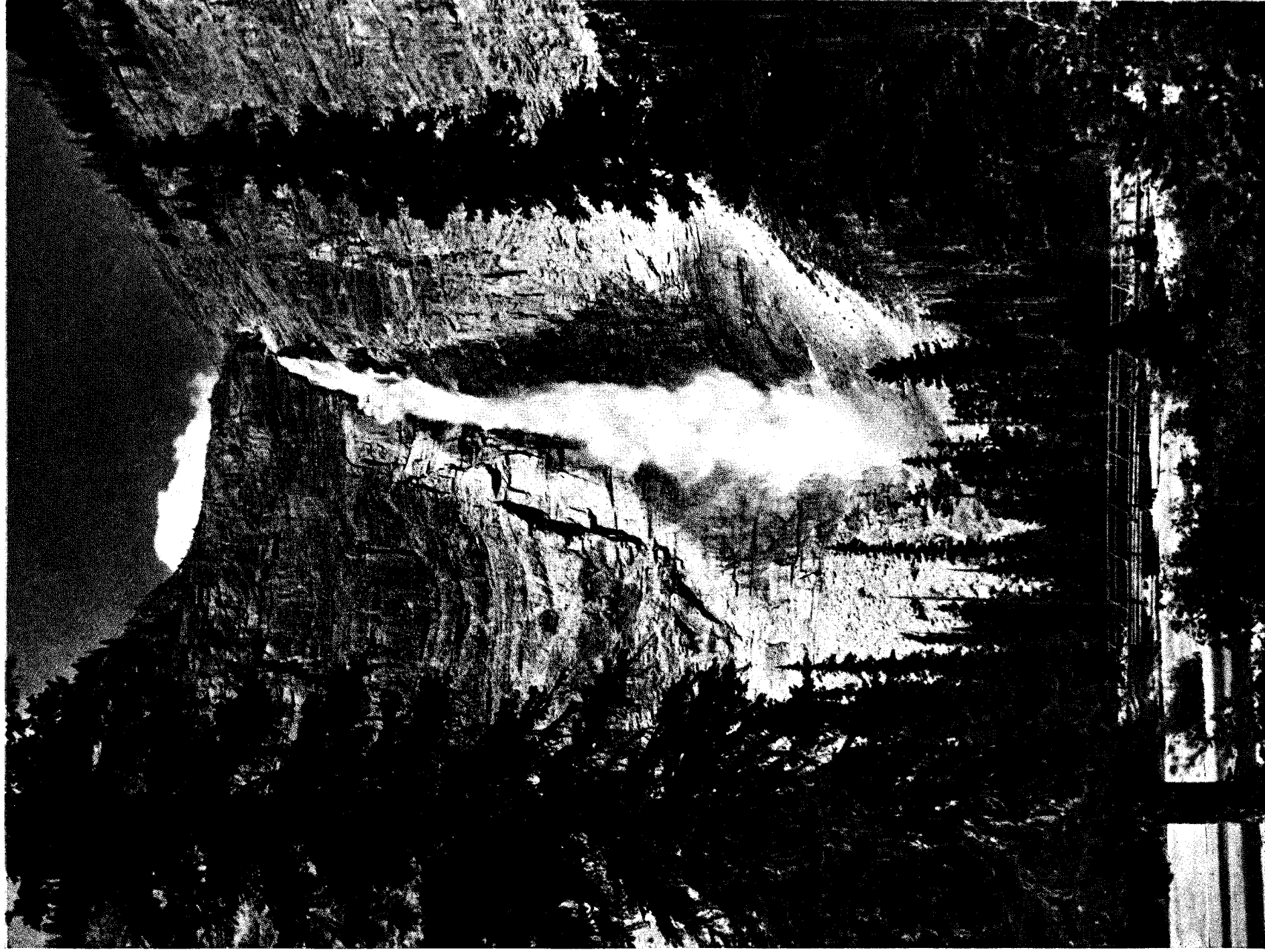
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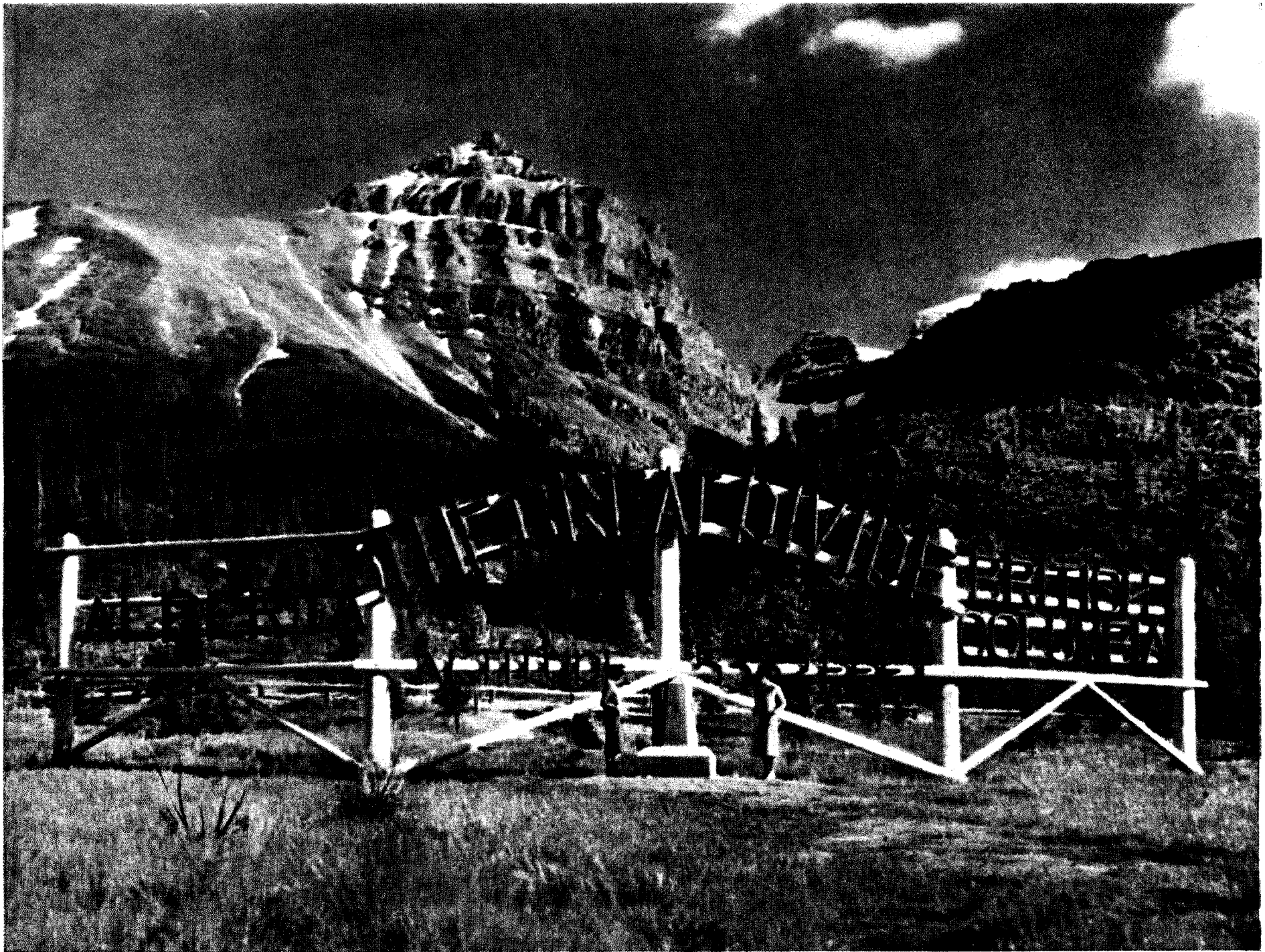


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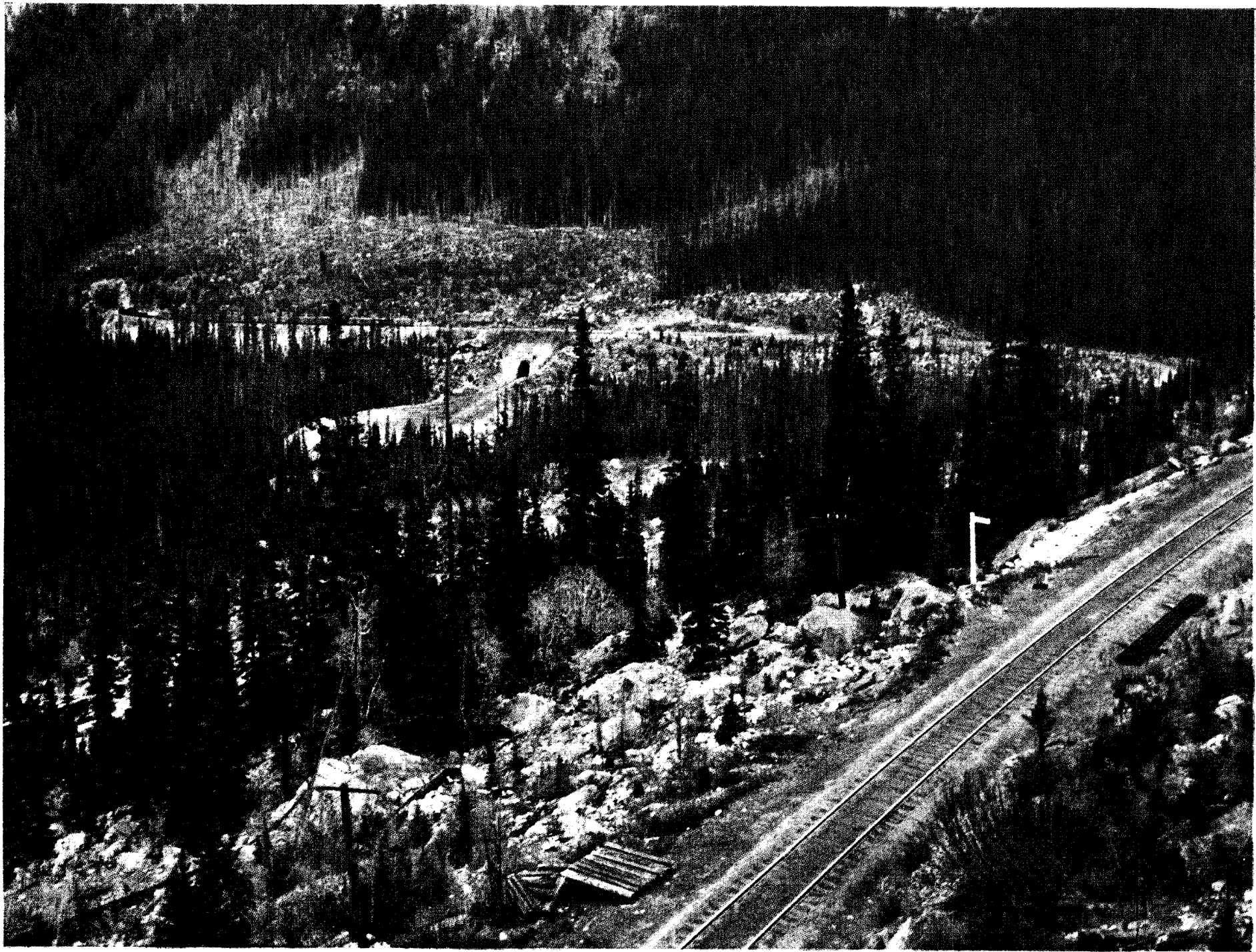


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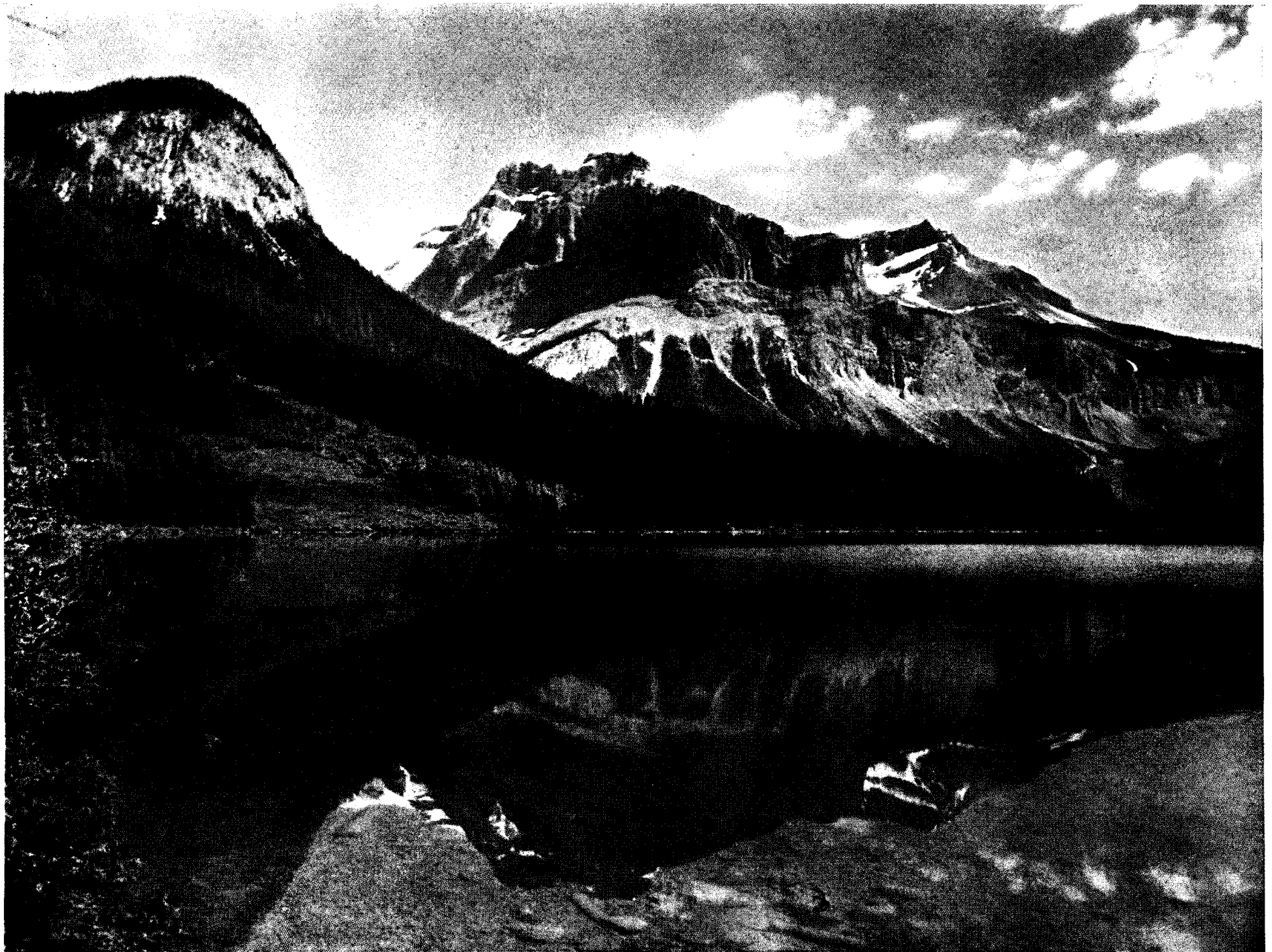




THE GREAT DIVIDE



SPIRAL TUNNELS



EMERALD LAKE AND MOUNT PRESIDENT





